



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for MARCH 12, 2021, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on March 12, 2021, 9:00 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Blair, Grady, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Woodrum, Beach, Caputo, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senator Takubo

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Trump removed **S. B. 498** from the agenda.

Chairman Trump moved **S. B. 566** next on the agenda.

S. B. 566 - Relating to interpretations of school laws.

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Sarah Stewart, Government Affairs Counsel, West Virginia Department of Education, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Heather Hutchins, General Counsel, West Virginia Department of Education, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Senator Romano moved to amend the committee substitute on page 1, line 5 after the word "Board" inserting ", unless found to be contrary to existing common law".

The same was put and rejected.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

Senator Weld moved to report the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Chair being in doubt, a division of the body was demanded by Chairman Trump.

The vote being 9 in favor and 6 opposed, the committee substitute will be reported with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Weld the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst



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Sarah Stewart

Print Witness Name

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